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SUBJECT: U.S. - ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION(BSF)

1. SCIATT, IN MEETING WITH ROTEM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BSF ON MAY 8 DISCUSSED, INTER ALIA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION AND U.S. INTEREST IN PLACING AMERICAN IN THIS POSITION. SCIATT NOTED:A)- PERSONALITIES NOT FACTOR SO NO REFLECTION ON PRESENT ISRAELI ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR; B)- IT WAS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD POSITION WOULD BE FILLED BY U.S. CITIZEN SINCE IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE SOMEONE ON STAFF IN SENIOR POSITION SENSITIVE TO U.S. INTERESTS; C)- SUCH SENIOR U.S. STAFF MEMBER IMPORTANT TO BSF TO MAINTAIN ITS BINATIONAL CHARACTER; AND D)- ANY POTENTIAL LOCAL CANDIDATES HOLDING DUAL CITIZENSHIP DO NOT FIT THIS MOLD SO U.S. MUST FIND SUITABLE CANDIDATES IN U.S. ROTEM EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH FOREGOING POSITION.

2. DR. ROTEM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO VISIT U.S. IN JULY FOR BSF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO USE OCCASION TO INTERVIEW USG SELECTED AND APPROVED CANDIDATES. HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY TWO U.S. CITIZNES: BERNARD SCACHTER, HEW/NIH; AND BERNARD SIEGEL, USA CHEMICAL LABS, EDGEWOOD ARSENAL AND IF ACCEPTABLE TO USG WOULD LIKE THEM INCLUDED ON LIST.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE INTERVIEWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SO ROTEM CAN PLAN SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

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